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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

In response to the action mailed December 4, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please change the title of the specification to read as follows:

--IDENTIFYING ESTROGEN SURFACE RECEPTOR AGONISTS--

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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 33 and 38-40 as follows:

33. (Amended Once) A method for identifying an estrogen surface receptor agonist, said method comprising:

- a) contacting a cell with a test molecule, wherein said cell expresses an estrogen surface receptor, and
- b) determining if said test molecule induces an estrogen surface receptor-mediated response in said cell in an estrogen surface receptor-specific manner, wherein induction of said

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